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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 31, 1999
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☒ The proposed drawing correction filed on Jun 10, 1999 is: a) ☒ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-23 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kandasamy, US patent No. 6,219,799 (hereinafter, Kandasamy).

As claim 1, Kandasamy teaches a method for configuring a server in a distributed data processing system [abstract, lines 7-11], the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

registering a primary server name for the server; registering a secondary server name for the server; and responding to the requests directed to either the primary server name or the secondary server name [col. 1, lines 36-39; col. 2, lines 45-54; col. 3, lines 16-20; 31-32].

As claims 2 and 3, Kandasamy further teaches of comprising registering the primary server name or the secondary server name while configuring or initializing the server and reading

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the primary server name or the secondary name from a configuration file or initialization file [abstract, lines 8-11; col. 3, lines 16-20].

As claim 4, Kandasamy teaches that the distributed data processing system comprises a network, and wherein the requests are received from the network [fig. 1; abstract, lines 8-11; col. 3, lines 12-13].

As claim 5, Kandasamy further teaches of comprising the primary server name or the secondary server name with a call to a NetBIOS application programming interface [col. 2, lines 41-54, 63-67].

As claim 6, Kandasamy teaches that the server comprises a plurality of secondary server names [col. 3, lines 6-7].

As claims 7 and 8, Kandasamy teaches a method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system [abstract, lines 7-11], the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

registering a first primary server name for a first server; registering a secondary primary server name for a second server [col. 3, lines 8-11]; determining that the first server requires reconfiguration in response to a determination that the second server requires fail-over support by the first server [col. 3, lines 14-15]; registering for the first server a secondary server name that is identical to the second primary server name [col. 3, lines 17-20]; and responding by the first server to request directed to either the first primary server name or the secondary server name [col. 2, lines 45-54; col. 3, lines 31-32].

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As claims 9-11, Kandasamy teaches a method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system [abstract, lines 7-11], the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

registering a first primary server name for a first server; registering a secondary server name for the first server; responding to the requests directed to either the primary server name or the secondary server name [col. 1, lines 36-39; col. 2, lines 45-54; col. 3, lines 16-20; 31-32]; determining that the first server requires reconfiguration [col. 3, lines 14-15]; deregistering the secondary server name for the first server [col. 3, lines 24-25]; registering for a second server a secondary primary server name that is identical to the second server name [col. 3, lines 26-30; col. 4, lines 3-5].

As claims 12-17, Kandasamy teaches the claimed method of steps. Therefore, Kandasamy teaches the claimed system for carrying out the method of steps.

As claims 18-23, Kandasamy teaches the claimed method of steps. Therefore, Kandasamy teaches the claimed computer program product for carrying out the method of steps.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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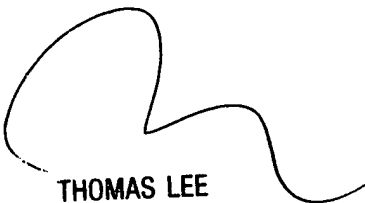
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun Cao at (703)308-6106. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Thomas Lee can be reached at (703)305-9717. The fax number for this Art Unit is (703) 308-9051.

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